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1. With the help of Communist Chinese agricultural experts versed in the cultivation of poppy, Cuban agronomists have recently established extensive poppy fields in Cuba. These fields amounting to 800 hectares (about 1,200 acres) are located in Pinar del Rio and Camaguey provinces.

2. According to information I received from exiled Cuban sources in the US, whose identity source refuses to divulge / the Communist Chinese experts have given instruction to their Cuban counterparts concerning the cultivation of species of poppy used in the production of opium and heroin. My informants stated that this Cuban-Chinese Communist cooperation in this field is undoubtedly aimed at the US in that a portion of opium and heroin produced in Cuba might reach the illicit market in the US.

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